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In re Application of	:	DECISION ON
BAUMGARTNER et al	:	
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Application No.: 10/537,131	:	
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Priority Date: 02 December 2002	:	
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For: DOMESTIC APPLIANCE AND SWITCH FOR	:	
APPLICATION IN A DOMESTIC APPLIANCE	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.42

This is a decision on the "RENEWED REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.42" filed 26 September 2006, which has been treated as a renewed request for status under 37 CFR 1.42.

BACKGROUND

In a decision from this office dated 11 April 2006, the papers filed on 26 September 2006 were not accepted under 37 CFR 1.42. The reason was that it was not clear if Ingeborg Sturm was the sole heir of the deceased inventor, Wihelm Sturm.

On 26 September 2006, applicants submitted the renewed submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.42.

DISCUSSION

Applicants have provided a proper declaration, which sets forth that Ingeborg Sturm is in fact the sole heir of the deceased inventor Wihelm Sturm.

Accordingly, the requirements under 37 CFR 1.42 are satisfied and the declaration is acceptable at this time.

If she is executing the declaration as the sole heir of the deceased inventor then it is hereby construed as an indication that no legal representative of the deceased's estate has been appointed or is statutorily required to be appointed. If this interpretation is incorrect applicant is required to promptly notify the Office of such and to submit a declaration properly executed by the legal representative(s) of the deceased inventor in response to this decision.

CONCLUSION

The renewed submission filed under 37 CFR 1.42 is **ACCEPTED**.

The application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for processing in accordance with this decision. The 35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) date of this application as **26 September 2006**.



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